



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Jewish Sports Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island appreciates the importance of sports in fostering active and constructive leisure habits for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame & Museum will recognize a long list of Jewish sports legends and a small group of people who are as proud of their heritage as they are fanatical about sports; and

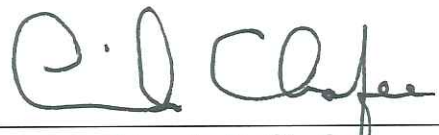
WHEREAS, sports develop our mental alertness, enthusiasm and improves our sense of camaraderie and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island wishes to join with the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame & Museum in focusing public attention on the outstanding contributions of Jewish men and women in sports; and


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April, 2012 as Jewish Sports Heritage Month in Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 12th day of March, 2012



Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor



A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State



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Month of the Military Child

WHEREAS, thousands of brave Americans, including many Rhode Islanders, have demonstrated their courage and commitment to freedom by serving in our country's armed forces in Active, Guard and Reserve duty posts around the state, nation and world; and

WHEREAS, many of these service members have left families and children behind during their deployments; and

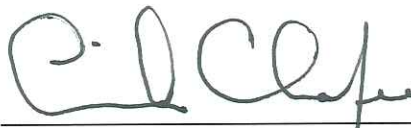
WHEREAS, over 5,000 Rhode Island children have at least one parent currently serving on Active, Guard or Reserve duty, over 3,000 of those children are of school-age; and

WHEREAS, the Month of the Military Child provides an opportunity to pay tribute to Rhode Island's military children for their commitment, struggles and unconditional support of our troops; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim April, 2012 as the Month of the Military Child in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



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Limb Loss Awareness Month

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2 million Americans living with limb loss/difference; and

WHEREAS, more than 500 people lose a limb each day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, 1,000 babies are born each year in the United States with congenital limb difference; and

WHEREAS, studies show 75 percent of limb loss is preventable; and

WHEREAS, diabetes and peripheral vascular disease are the leading causes of limb loss; and

WHEREAS, the number of amputations per day will double by the year 2050 unless a major public awareness campaign is launched and key prevention initiatives put in place; and

WHEREAS, the Amputee Coalition provides education, outreach, advocacy, and a Limb Loss Information Center for the benefit of persons with limb loss/difference, their families, and health care providers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island, do hereby proclaim April, 2012 to be Limb Loss Awareness Month and encourage all its citizens to join me recognizing the importance of this month.



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Youth Temperance Education Week

WHEREAS, the future of our state and nation is in the hands of today's youth and it is therefore of extreme importance that our young people be given every opportunity to develop into responsible citizens; and

WHEREAS, the increasing use of narcotics and alcohol has become a concern of school authorities and law enforcement agencies and has a shattering effect upon the home lives of our youth, as well as young adults; and

WHEREAS, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Rhode Island, in cooperation with its national organization, sponsors a program of education on the dangers associated with the use of drugs and alcohol, and promotes the enduring values of self-discipline, patriotism, and high ethical standards; and

WHEREAS, this organization provides materials to educate young people and achieve these standards, including films, books, pamphlets and posters which are made available for use by our schools, churches and civic organizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim April 22-28, 2012 as Youth Temperance Education Week in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all of its citizens to join me in recognizing the importance of this week.



Given under my hand and the great
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American Eagle Day

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was designated as the United States of America's National Emblem on June 20, 1782 by our country's founding fathers at the Second Continental Congress; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle is unique to North America and represents such American values and attributes as freedom, courage, strength, spirit, justice, quality and excellence; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States and in the logos of many branches of the U.S. Government, including the Presidency, Congress, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department of Commerce and U.S. Postal Service; and

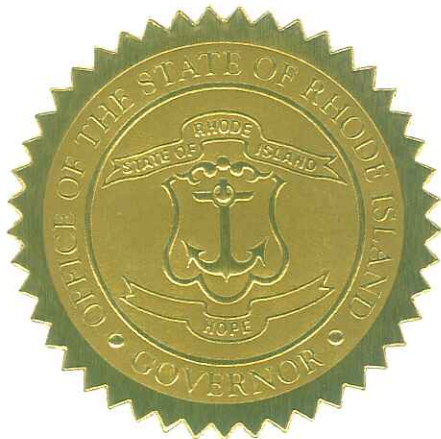
WHEREAS, the bald eagle's image, meaning and symbolism have played a significant role in the beliefs, traditions, religions, lifestyles, art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture and heritage of Americans from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, the bald eagle was federally classified as an "endangered species" in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, and was upgraded to a less imperiled "threatened" status under that Act in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Interior and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service delisted the bald eagle from Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but will continue to be protected under the Bald & Golden Eagle Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of the bald eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2012 American Eagle Day in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this day.



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